



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01.11.2023** To **31.10.2024**

**Charity name: Haworth And Oxenhope District Bridleways Group**

**Charity registration number: 1202564**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To preserve and protect for the public benefit the registered byways and bridleways in Haworth and Oxenhope (West Yorkshire) by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) ensuring that byways and bridleways are correctly defined on the Definitive Map;</li><li>2) locating lost byways and bridleways, where possible, or negotiating alternative routes;</li><li>3) liaising with relevant local authorities and encouraging them to carry out their statutory duties in relation to byway and bridleway;</li><li>4) promoting good relations with landowners and farmers;</li><li>5) liaising and cooperating with other bridleways groups to share best practice.</li></ol> <p>To promote community participation in healthy recreation in Haworth and Oxenhope (West Yorkshire) and the surrounding area by the provision of facilities for horse riding and other outdoor community activities</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Monitoring the condition and use of local bridleways</p> <p>A varied programme of meetings, training, games, demonstrations and competitions with a strong focus on the involvement of junior members</p> <p>Promoting shared use of the facilities with a variety of local community groups</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are confident that they have had due regard to the guidance issued.
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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Social investment embedded in the charity's aims and objectives (see above)
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity is run wholly by volunteers who organise and lead on all of its activities. The trustees were appointed by the committee, which itself is elected annually at the AGM
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The Charity continues to monitor the condition of local bridleways, and seek remedial action from landowners where necessary, for the benefit of horse riders, cyclists and walkers.</p> <p>We work alongside the local council Rights of Way Officer and the British Horse Society Access Manager to try to ensure that access to bridleways is not lost.</p> <p>We provide a wide range of inclusive, open-air activities (rides, demonstrations, accessible Fun Shows) supporting physical and mental health.</p> <p>We have an annual programme of speakers, providing enjoyable and informative insights into a variety of topics related to our core purpose.</p> <p>We also rely on support from a local running group, The Manorlands (Oxenhope) hospice, dog walkers and other community groups who share our vision and values.</p>

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The purchase of premises and land in December 2023 is reflected in the large difference between income and expenditure in the 2023-2024 year and the fact that assets at the end of this period are significantly lower than in the previous year. The money had been set aside for this purpose which fulfilled a long-term aim and has enabled the charity to expand its fundraising activities with a few to refurbishment of the property
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	N/A
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Purchase of own premises (December 2023) fulfilled a long-term aim, for which reserve had been accumulated over many years. This was moved from the reserve account in 2021 in anticipation of this and the 2023/24 account reflects this considerable drop in capital.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership fees Charges for activities and services Rental of facilities to local community groups Fundraising activities, eg sponsored events, social evenings, raffles, etc.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	None
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	No serious perceived risks, but charity does face the challenges of building/land ownership – we have had to get to grips with insurance, utilities, etc. (some of which have built up significant arrears during the extended purchase period when it was not possible to ascertain responsibility for these bills). The building needs repairs and development in order to extend our activities and improve potential for future fund-raising, but this will necessitate major fundraising, both by the group and through bidding for other sources of funding.

Other		
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## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Haworth and Oxenhope District Bridleways Group
Other name the charity uses	HODBG
Registered charity number	1202564
Charity's principal address	Lower Oldfield Farm, Oldfield Lane

	Haworth Keighley BD22

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### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Vickie McRae	Charity Contact		HODBG Committee
2	Felicity Mensah	Chairperson		HODBG Committee
3	Patricia Greenwood	Vice-Chairperson		HODBG Committee
4	Gillian Burgess	Treasurer		HODBG Committee
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### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

### Additional information (optional)

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
	None	

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

None
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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None
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**Other optional information**

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**Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>	Gillian Burgess	
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<b>Full name(s)</b>	Gillian Burgess	
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<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Treasurer	
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<b>Date</b>	02.04.2025
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**HAWORTH & OXENHOPE DISTRICT BRIDLEWAYS GROUP**

**ANNUAL RETURN TO CHARITY COMMISSION**

**(correct @ 31.10.2024)**

	<b>2024</b>
PETTY CASH	150.73
CURRENT A/C	4694.57
PayPal	161.78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,007.08</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
BANK INTEREST - HIGH INTEREST ACCOUNT	
MEMBERSHIP SUBS	919.11
MEETINGS/RAFFLES	735.00
SHOWS/DEMOS/GAMES	1692.43
RIDES	91.67
VISITS	74.73
REFRESHMENTS	439.00
FIELD RENTAL	630.00
SPONSORSHIP	650.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5231.94</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
COMMITTEE MEAL	140.59
PRESENTATION EVENING (FOOD 2021/ROOM HIRE 2022)	
SHOWS - (Tape, numbers, printing, sundries)	40.00
BHS AFFILIATION	138.60
WEBSITE/DOMAIN NAME	112.32
ROSETTES/medals	628.09
TROPHIES & ENGRAVING	67.00
REFRESHMENTS - RIDES AND FUN SHOW	30.61
SPEAKERS/DEMOS/PRESENTS/ETC	29.00
EQUIPMENT	98.94
WEST END PURCHASE	21,071.00
FIELD/CLUBHOUSE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	1,824.64
RATES/UTILITIES	42.00
INSURANCE	428.37